



AUGUST 21, 2019

**SPEAKER OF THE WEEK**  
**Ralph Winnie**  
 World Traveller

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**



**HAWAII CLUB 30**  
**DISTRICT 5000**  
 CHARTERED:  
 JUNE 20, 1939  
 RI PRESIDENT:  
 MARK DANIEL  
 MALONEY  
 DISTRICT GOVERNOR:  
 ERIC KALER




*Dana Land aka Aunty Sylvia Agnes Gibble gave a very humorous and entertaining performance and ended her high energy presentation with a musical singalong "Always look on the bright side of Life" Great show!*



*PDG Roy King inducted our newest applicant Dana Land into the Rotary Club of Waikiki with the Classification : "Community Service Organization" seen here with her sponsor PDG Dave Benson and President Carol Riley. Welcome aboard Dana!*



*Magda Alexander recognized Rotarians with Birthdays and Anniversaries in August. Many of the recipients were not present but we did sing our Happy Birthday song to PP Tony Gedeon, PDG Roy King and Charod Dodd.*

**President Carol Riley** got the festivities underway 2 minutes early and called the meeting to order at 12:13pm.

**PP Chuck Braden** led us in the pledge. **PP Bob Tellander** provided the inspiration by having us “return to things simple” and regaled the amassed Rotarians with his story of rethinking things like your transportation. Bob has been comfortably (and affordably) making his way around town on a bicycle. Evaluate your mode of transport!

**President Elect Paul McGillicuddy** made the rounds and introduced guests. There were no shell lei guests in attendance, so **Gale Warshawsky** took on song leader duties for our ‘regular’ guests.

Welcome to new member **Dana Lands**. **PDG Roy King** introduced **PDG Dave Benson** who provided some background on Waikiki Rotary’s newest member. Dana is a local girl and former member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu. She’s a Punahou Alum, she’s an Elk, she’s lived in San Francisco, and she’ll be taking the classification of Community Health Organization Management. Welcome to Dana!

Carol shifted gears and passed the mic to the various committee chairs. First up was **PP Sally Blanchard** who spoke about Foundation. Informal recognition was given to **Adrienne King**, who has reached the level of Major Donor (Good work Adrienne). Sally explained how the foundation benefits not only our efforts as an organization, but also benefit our efforts locally. The club got to witness the comic stylings of **PP Chuck Braden**, who provided a multi-media information session on how to give to the Rotary Foundation. In short, there are multiple easy ways to give, such as online, over the phone, by fax, etc., and there is one rather difficult way to give, which is to fly to Chicago and hand over a check in person.

**PP Janet Scheffer** was next with the mic and she explained how there will be opportunity for individuals and organizations to partner with 28,000 passionate Rotarians from over 150

countries who will be attending the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu. An information session / event is planned for August 28 from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Waikiki Yacht Club. Please feel free to attend and think of someone to bring as a guest who might benefit from learning about this opportunity.

The lovely **Ms. Magda** took up her monthly duty as Birthday/Anniversary announcer-in-chief and invited those with August birthdays (Tony Gedeon, Hitoshi Daitoku, Roy King, Bob McDermott, Jeremy Wilson), and those with anniversaries (Janel Denny, Charod Dodd, Thomas Hall, Noboru Yamaguchi, Cindy Lewellan-Tagavilla) to the front to be recognized with song.

As a prelude to introducing today’s speaker, **PP Dave Livingston** reminded everyone of the upcoming International Food Fest event. Tickets are \$125 per person, but prices are discounted for those who purchase an entire table. Starting working through your invite list everyone. We want this event to be well-attended.

**Dana Land** aka the 23<sup>rd</sup> in line to the Throne of England Auntie Silvia Agnes Gribble was our speaker for the day. The presentation was kicked off by MC Chuck Braden, who blared Satisfaction by the Rolling Stones through his 1-inch laptop speaker. Auntie Silvia impressed the crowd right out of the gate with her ‘moves like Jagger.’ She continued in the pleasantly light-hearted tone and read us the obituary of the death of common sense. We are sadly in a place as a society where we seem to have lost our moral compass. From there, she went on to lightly speak to ethics, morals, integrity, honesty, and other values that help determine how well we are ‘surviving.’ Many highly treasured quiz prizes were handed out to participating Rotarians, including the much sought after bag of Shrimp Chips which was awarded to Adrienne King for her ability to define ‘ethics.’ As pointed out, it was her place to know about ethics due to the fact that she makes her living as an attorney, and everyone knows you rarely come across an attorney who doesn’t always act in the most ethical manner! Good job Adrienne! Auntie

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Silvia Gribble ended her high energy presentation with a musical singalong “always look on the bright side of life.” Thanks for jumping right in as a speaker Dana. You’ve raised the bar of club presentations!

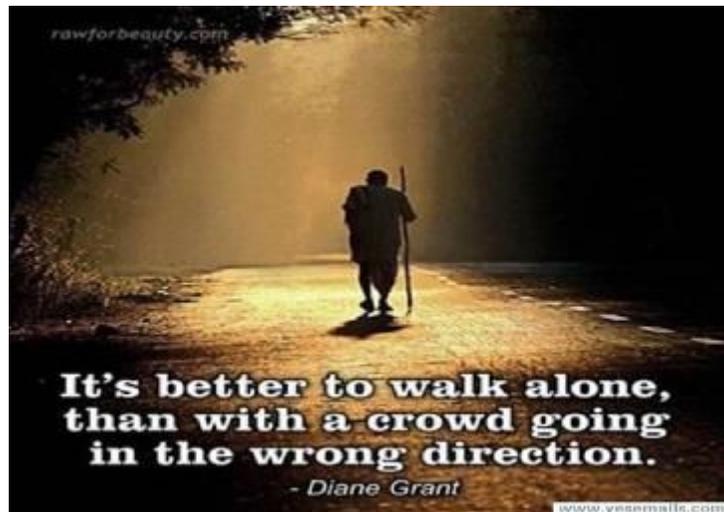
Time was running short. Nora won the lucky number drawing but failed to come away with the cash. Good luck next time Nora.

President Carol led us in a slightly out of order 4 way test (you have to keep people on their toes), and rang the bell to close the meeting at 1:19. See you next week everyone.

Respectfully submitted. PP Chad Adams, Scribe



PP Sally Blanchard gave a brief talk about the Rotary Foundation and explained the benefits about being a Paul Harris Fellow.



**Shekar Mehta selected RI President 2021-2022**



Shekar Mehta, of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2021-22. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Mehta acknowledges that current membership trends are a challenge and says that membership development should be Rotary’s highest priority. He believes that focusing on regional plans, successfully transitioning Rotaractors into Rotary clubs, and increasing diversity and female members could yield a 5 percent net growth in membership each year.

“A major brainstorming is needed to find effective solutions suited to different areas of the world,” says Mehta. He adds that regional ethos and culture have to be taken into account to find localized solutions, as “one size does not fit all.” He believes Rotary can extend to new geographical areas and countries.

As a strong proponent of Rotary’s strategic plan, Mehta says he will encourage clubs to use action plans and reinforce the core values of Rotary.

Mehta says Rotary needs to become more contemporary and adaptable by focusing on partnerships with governments and corporations, expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary’s areas of focus, and investing in technology.

Mehta, an accountant, is chair of the Skyline Group, a real estate development company he founded. He is also a director of Operation Eyesight Universal (India), a Canada-based organization.

Mehta has been actively involved in disaster response and is a trustee of ShelterBox, UK. After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, he helped build nearly 500 homes for families affected by the disaster.

Mehta pioneered a program that has performed more than 1,500 life-changing heart surgeries in South Asia. He is also the architect of the TEACH Program, which promotes literacy throughout India and has reached thousands of schools.

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

Mehta has received Rotary’s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation’s Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards.

He and his wife, Rashi, are Major Donors and members of the Bequest Society.

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## TODAY'S SPEAKER: RALPH WINNIE



Ralph E. Winnie, Jr. graduated magna cum laude from Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center in 1999 and received an LL.M. in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center in 2002. He is a member of the District of Columbia and New York Bars and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. He studied international law at Oxford University (Magdalen College) in Oxford, the United Kingdom and Moscow State University in Moscow,

Russia.

Mr. Winnie is a partner of Henson, Pang and Winnie, a premier international law firm and consulting group with offices in Washington, D.C. in the United States and Shanghai in the People's Republic of China. He also serves as Director of the China Program for the Eurasia Center and its Eurasian Business Coalition, an organizations dedicated to promoting and preserving the ideas of affordable housing, economic cooperation, environmental sustainable development and the promotion of business development, tax and trade between the United States and the fifty nine nations comprising Eurasia.

Mr. Winnie has extensive experience in international affairs, international business development and trade, and domestic and international tax policies. He has communicated or worked with members of Congress, numerous U.S. agencies, as well as foreign governments at the highest level, including heads of state. Mr. Winnie holds, or has held, many prominent positions including most recently: Director of the China Program for the Eurasia Center; Vice-President of Global Business Development for the Eurasian Business Coalition; and countless board positions for international organizations. He is particularly experienced in Asia and Eastern Europe, travelling to countries such as China, Mongolia, Russia, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and numerous others. Many of these were as part of official US delegations, or as a direct invitation from the foreign government. In 2010, Mr. Winnie organized a meeting between several members of a Beijing delegation, representing the China Association for International Friendly Contact, with several members of Congress to discuss US foreign policy objectives and mutual collaboration.



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